



## The Suffering in Re-birth

### *Sermon Discussion Guide*

As the discussion leader, here are a few things to keep in mind for your Life Group: • **Pray** for your group discussion time! • **Review** your notes from Sunday's message and familiarize yourself with the discussion questions prior to your group meeting. • **Choose** a few questions from the guide which you feel will generate the most discussion in your group. For questions with multiple parts, answer the first part before reading the next part to the group. These questions are designed to build on the answer of the previous part before moving on.

### *Getting to Know Me*

Share about a hard situation you have endured. What good came out of that situation or how did God grow you through it?

### *Exploring the Word – 1 Peter 3:13-18*

1. As you listened to the message, what points stood out?
2. Read 1 Peter 3:13-14. Discuss how the notion of "good" or "justice" proves the existence of both God and evil. Peter denied Jesus because he feared what others would think or do. Discuss how you may identify with Peter, and then how to overcome this fear in your own life.
3. Read 1 Peter 3:15-16. Peter encourages us to always be ready to explain the hope that is in us. What are ways to ensure, or increase our readiness? Why is gentleness so important when responding to doubters?
4. Read 1 Peter 3:17-18. Peter declares it is better to suffer for doing good than to suffer for doing wrong. What "good" might he have been referring to? How can suffering be considered helpful in our Christian growth?
5. Discuss why Christ's resurrection is central to Christian belief and rebirth.



## STUDY NOTES

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### **1 Peter 3:13-18**

#### **1. Suffering proves the existence of God (vv. 13-14)**

- Any discussion about "\_\_\_\_\_ " or "\_\_\_\_\_ " proves the existence of God.
- Commitment to treating people with \_\_\_\_\_ drastically reduces the number of our enemies.
- Bad things happen to good people due to the reality of \_\_\_\_\_.

#### **2. Finding the hope in suffering (vv. 15-16)**

- Fearing someone's opinion is to \_\_\_\_\_ them.
- We elevate Christ in our life by \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ him over others.
- Doubt and skepticism about God is \_\_\_\_\_.
- God expects us to be \_\_\_\_\_ to share our faith.

#### **3. The lasting beauty in the pain of resurrection (vv. 17-18)**

- Deserved \_\_\_\_\_ is not persecution of Christians in God's eyes.
- Resurrection is \_\_\_\_\_ to Christian belief.
- Resurrection is the most convincing \_\_\_\_\_ that Jesus is God.
- Resurrection is the most reasonable evidence that Christ's sacrifice was \_\_\_\_\_ to pay our debt of sin.
- Resurrection in a \_\_\_\_\_ body is the most reasonable explanation for the human experience in the next life.